

*"Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" Exhibit Will Visit Pierre Part Branch*  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Congressman Charlie Melancon (LA-03) announced today that the Assumption Parish Library System was selected from public libraries nationwide to host a six-week long traveling exhibit, "Lincoln: The Constitution and The Civil War." As part of the award, the Assumption Parish Library will also receive a \$2,500 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for use toward exhibition-related expenses and for exhibition programming. The exhibit will be at the Pierre Part Branch Library in Pierre Part, LA, from June 1-July 15, 2011.

**"I congratulate Assumption Parish Library in being chosen to host this national traveling exhibit," said Rep. Melancon. "The Lincoln exhibit will offer an outstanding learning and interactive experience for our community, and I encourage Louisianians of all ages to take part in this opportunity."**

**"We are delighted to have the Lincoln exhibit for an Assumption Parish Branch Library," said Dr. Teri Maggio, Project Director of Assumption Parish Library. "We hope that adults and children of the parish will attend. We think this exhibit will be a wonderful learning experience."**

The interactive exhibition will travel to libraries across the United States from mid-2009 through 2011, staying at each library for a six-week loan period.

The exhibit, "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" is a collaboration between the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Constitution Center (NCC) and the American Library Association (ALA). The traveling exhibition and tour are funded by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to the National Constitution Center.

"Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" has been designed as part of NEH's We the People program, exploring significant events and themes in our nation's history and culture and advancing knowledge of the principles that define America.

The exhibit offers a fresh and innovative perspective on Lincoln that focuses on his struggle to meet the political and constitutional challenges of the Civil War. Organized thematically, the exhibition explores how Lincoln used the Constitution to confront three intertwined crises of the war-the secession of Southern states, slavery, and wartime civil liberties. The exhibition is intended to provide visitors with a more complete understanding of Abraham Lincoln as president and the Civil War as the nation's gravest constitutional crisis.

More information about the exhibition and the grant can be found on the NEH's website [here](#) .

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